

Community group questions  
Daniel chapter 5

Opening question: Share a personal experience when you saw (or in hindsight saw) the “writing on the wall” where you knew something “negative” was about to happen.

Scripture study

- Read Daniel 5:1-4. What is wrong with this picture? Read Isaiah 47:8-11. How is this prediction of the fall of Babylon being played out in Daniel chapter 5? In what way is Daniel 5:1-4 applicable to our day?
- Read Daniel 5:5-6. What sticks out to you about what happens as the party is going on? Share a time when you personally saw God’s intervention. Read 5:7-17. What was Daniel able to do that the king’s wise men could not do and why? How is this an example of what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25? How do these words speak to our influence in the world?
- Read Daniel 5:18-24. What is significant about Daniel’s words here before he gives the meaning to the handwriting on the wall? How was Nebuchadnezzar’s example writing on the wall to Belshazzar? Read Romans 1:18-25. What is the pattern of decline seen in these verses? How does applying what you know result in freedom?
- Read Daniel 5:25-31. How would you sum up the meaning of the handwriting on the wall? What does Jesus’ say in Luke 12:16-21 that illustrates what the king experienced and how does it speak to our own false sense of security?
- What is a takeaway for you from Daniel chapter 5?